land and airspace, leasing of communication channels etc. Efforts are also being made to effect reduction in expenditure to improve the finances of the Railways.

Rakesh Mohan Committee Report of Restructuring of Railways

335. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would carefully consider the recommendations of Rakesh Mohan Committee Report on restructuring of Railways particularly bifurction of Railways by separating operations and policy making functions and immediate privatisation of non-core railway activities like workshop and production units;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Union Government for strengthening the functioning of Railways, by making it conducive to private investment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) An Interim Executive Summary of the report has been received on 17.2.2001. The final report is still awaited.

(b) and (c) The following Schemes have been launched or are under finalisation by the Government to attract private sector investment into the Railways:—

1. OYWS (Own Your Wagon Scheme).
2. A revised, investor-friendly BOT (Build Own and Transfer) Scheme.
3. Catering and Tourism Corporation.
4. RAILTEL Corporation.
5. Participation in Gauge Conversion, New Line and Rail infrastructure development Projects.

An advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Sam

Pitroda has also been set up, to suggest measures to modernise the Railways and mobilise resources from non-traditional sources.

Plan For A.C. Suburban Trains

336. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether suburban trains are being Air-conditioned in Central Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such trains have been introduced in Mumbai; and

(d) the future lans for such trains in other zonal Railways and in other metro cities of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal to run air conditioned suburban trains in Central Railway or other Zonal Railways at present. Suburban services are being run by utilising EMU rakes which are not air-conditioned.